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Legislative Counsel

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Honorable S. I. Hayakawa  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Hayakawa:

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Thank you for your letter of 13 September enclosing correspondence from [redacted] California. The [redacted] had encountered Iranian protesters while visiting Washington and expressed concern about the CIA tie-in with the Shah's regime.

Please advise them that there is a long-standing Agency policy not to comment on allegations about its activities. You may assure them, however, that the activities of this Agency are scrutinized by oversight committees in both Houses of Congress. These are the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, chaired by Senator Birch Bayh (D., Ind.), and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, chaired by Representative Edward P. Boland (D., Mass.)

I trust this information will aid you in responding to your constituents.

Sincerely,

**SIGNED**

Frederick Hitz

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